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1. The following are questions asked by persons in attendance of the conference, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers providing the answers. The conference was not recorded; therefore, the questions and answers provided below are presented to be as accurate as possible.
2. The text in *italics* are additional responses to the question.
3. There are several questions pending Government response. The answers to those questions will be posted on the web as-soon-as possible.
4. These Questions and Answers are for information only, and if there is any conflict with the RFP, the RFP governs.
5. This document is revised to complete the answers to questions from the pre-proposal conference that were not previously provided. These answers are identified by color gray shade.
6. This document also includes questions and answers other than from the pre-proposal conference. These are found at the end of this document.

QUESTIONS (Q) AND ANSWERS (A) (Pre-proposal conference):

1. Q: Will the COE do QA during construction?  
A: Yes
2. Q: Will the contractor be responsible for quality control during construction?  
A: Yes
3. Q: What is the purpose of splitting the design and construction cost items into two lump sum costs?  
A: Previous PM asked for it to be that way. It helps track costs and is used for pay purposes.
4. Q: How long from receipt of proposals to notice to selected offeror?  
A: Based on the current schedule, notice will be given on or about July 10.
5. Q: Why 210 days for the process before award of contract?  
A: To allow time for reprogramming of funds. If funds become available sooner, the contract will be awarded earlier.

6. Q: When will NTP be given?  
A: Approximately 10 days after contract award. *NTP will be issued after performance bonds, payment bonds, and certificate of insurance are approved.*
7. Q: Referring to section 01012, para 11.6c – What design software is to be used?  
A: Intergraph
8. Q: Section 00110, Factor 3 – Do you expect to see both methodology and pavement analysis in the proposal?  
A: Just methodology. Clarification will be included by amendment. *A review of the questioned RFP passage indicates that only a detailed plan that describes how you will meet the requirements is required. Therefore, a clarification to the RFP is not necessary.*
9. Q: What version of InRoads should be used? Unable to open the .dtm file provided by Amendment 1.  
A: Will check and post answer on the web. *(Version –7 of InRoads was placed on the COE Website on May 31, 2002. This version is in addition to the version included in Amendment No. 1 and posted on the website.)*
10. Q: What are limits of seeding expected in areas of shot rock?  
A: Will check and post answer on the web. *(Reference Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Section 805.10.)*
11. Q: Does the Army own the entire property for the project now?  
A: Yes, the land involved with this solicitation is owned by the Army. *The land that is owned by Forest Service and/or is Private Property is being dealt with on the MoDOT effort.*
12. Q: When will Phase II archeological investigations be complete?  
A: Mid to late July, but may go into August due to weather delays.
13. Q: Are hydraulic and hydrology files available?  
A: No. The design is only at 35% and the decision was made to not provide incomplete files.
14. Q: Tables 1&2 are missing from the geotechnical Appendix G.  
A: The tables will be included by amendment and also posted on the web. *The tables will be provided under Amendment 2.*
15. Q: Will an “add” amount be provided to compensate the different life cycle costs between asphalt and concrete?  
A: An amount to be added to the asphalt bids will be included by amendment. *(See Amendment No. 003.)*
16. Q: If we want to take additional borings to supplement what’s in the RFP, who do we contact?

A: Coordinate that activity through Jesse Vance, the Resident Engineer at Fort Leonard Wood.

17. Q: How does the evaluation process take place since costs are lump sum?

A: The price analysis will be straight forward, *and will be conducted using reasonableness and realism in evaluating the costs*. If the evaluation team notices a variance then they will ask offerors for additional information.

18. Q: Will the design lump sum and construction lump sum amounts be added together for evaluation?

A: They will be combined for the total project cost, but may be looked at separately for things like front end loading.

19. Q: How are risk for proposal and performance evaluated?

A: The information on risk included in amendment 1 was read. To evaluate proposal risk the team will look at methodology and see if it makes sense or looks risky based on their knowledge and experience. To evaluate performance risk they will look at past performance and references to decide what the probability is that the contractor will perform the work with little or no intervention by the government forces.

20. Q: Will there be construction access at the west end?

A: Yes, that should be possible. *Additional response will be posted on the web. (See Amendment No. 003.)*

21. Q: Do contractors have to provide security? *(This question was directed to the west end of the project)*

A: Security will be provided by the base, however additional details will be posted on the web. *(See Amendment No. 003.)*

22. Q: Section 01012, 11.2.6a Are offerers required to re-topo the entire area?

A: No. The .dtm provided should be sufficient for design, but some pick-up survey work may be needed.

23. Q: What is the accuracy of the .dtm?

A: You can assume that the .dtm is within MoDOT criteria

24. Q: If the contractor wants to do more test borings, is the centerline marked in the field?

A: The survey control points are in the field. The centerline was staked last fall, but there is no guarantee that its still there.

25. Q: Who is excluded from bidding due to involvement in the RFP?

A: HNTB. *Reference is made to Federal Acquisition Regulation FAR 36.209.*

26. Q: The RFP says the COE will obtain permits section 01015 6.5.2. Can we see the information on the permits?

A: Will check and post on the web. *(Pertaining to 404 permit-for construction and stream crossing, temporary fill and culvert pipe is what will be on the permit. Contractor is responsible for care, removal and restoration of area.)*

27. Q: Is there a construction water point established and is there a cost for it?

A: There is a source on the east end. Information on metering will be posted on the web. The contractor can dig their own well. *(The Government will not make available the water source on the east end of the project. The contractor can dig its own well provided it has obtained the necessary permits from the MDNR or DGLS. The contractor is responsible for obtaining the permit, drilling, care and abandoning the well as required by the permit or MDNR or MDGLS. In addition to MDNR or MDGLS, any wells drilled by the contractor shall be plugged according to the MODOT Specification 203.2.3. It is the responsibility of the contractor to determine if its use of water from a dug well is required to be potable or non-potable. See MODOT Specification 1070.)*

28. Q: What permit is required for a well and who is responsible?

A: State requirements must be followed. The contractor is responsible for getting the appropriate permit.

29. Q: Will the air quality permit be waived? There has been difficulty in getting air permits in this area due to the army post.

A: The contractor is responsible to coordinate with the state to get the necessary permits per 01015 6.5.2. *(The Government has been advised there have been recent changes to this regulation. Based on this advice it is recommended that the contractor contact MDNR for clarification. The contractor remains responsible to obtain necessary permit.)*

30. Q: Bid item #2 includes geotechnical and hydrology work items. Should these be in bid item #1 instead?

A: It is not the intent to make the designer wait until construction to get paid for these items. Wording will be revised by an amendment. *(See Amendment No. 003.)*

31. Q: Is there adequate R/W for contractor staging areas?

A: Yes. The COE will work with the selected contractor on staging location when the time comes.

32. Q: Section 01015 6.6.1.4 – Are utilities committed to the project schedule since the D/B pays but the relocation work is done by the utilities?

A: The utilities are aware of the project. Contractors are responsible for coordination with the utility companies. They could be included in a partnering meeting.

33. Q: Is the environmental document available?

A: Yes, it is located at the Waynesville City Hall per the RFP.

34. Q: Section 01015 3.0 - Is the permanent lighting in this contract and what are the limits?

A: Yes it's in this contract and begins at approximately Sta. 313 for the 5-lane segment. *(See Amendment No. 003.)*

35. Q: Section 00800 Explain the design charrette noted in the RFP. Has this already occurred?

A: A design charrette will take place after award of the project. Design considerations to date are included in Appendix A. The RFP includes input from project users – no additional requests are anticipated.

36. Q: Is there a contractual agreement to use InRoads on this project?

A: No, GeoPak or InRoads can be used. Micro Station drawings are required in electronic deliverable.

37. Q: Section 00100, page 2 of 4 – What format should Small Business Information be given in?

A: For the past performance evaluation, give % targets and % actually achieved on previous projects. If awarded the project, the contractor would then need to prepare a contracting plan with specific goals for this project.

38. Q: Will the bid date of June 20<sup>th</sup> move based on the number of questions asked and information requested today?

A: The COE will evaluate the questions received and advise if the date is changed by amendment. *(See Amendment No. 003, proposal due date was not changed.)*

39. Q: Section 01012 states that the 95% plan submittal must be approved prior to construction. What construction activities can occur prior to that time?

A: This paragraph will be reviewed and modified accordingly by amendment. Also, note that in 01015 2b, the bat roost tree clearing can occur any year. The month and days remain in effect, but the year can be any year. *(Regarding what construction activities can occur-reference is made to Section 00800, page 4 of 6, SCR-DB-007-SEQUENCE OF DESIGN CONSTRUCTION. Reference is made to Section 01012. See Amendment No. 003.)*

40. Q: Is burning allowed?

A: MDNR will make that decision during the permit application process. The contractor is responsible for the permit.

41. Q: Is there a disposal area if a permit is not granted?

A: Will check and post an answer on the web. *(See Amendment No. 003, Section 01015.)*

42. Q: Is forced-air burning allowed by the base?

A: There is no regulation against it. The contractor is responsible for obtaining a permit from MDNR.

43. Q: Can we get clarification on the 30mile rule around the base?

A: The post has no influence on MDNR permitting.

44. Q: Section 01015 6.5.3.4 – The RFP states that we cannot exceed 750,000 SF of clearing at a time. What if more is needed?

A: The Resident Engineer can provide approval for additional if other RFP conditions are met. Written approval is required by USACE. The last paragraph in this reference should be read.

45. Q: Is this project locked into 2001 MoDOT standard plans?

A: Design to the references contained in the RFP.

46. Q: What is the last day for accepting questions?

A: The COE will take questions up to the last minute. *Answers to questions that don't need to be broadcasted will be given where available. It may be necessary to stop answering questions that do need to be broadcasted or that might require that amendments are necessary in order to meet the deadlines imposed.*

47. Q: May explosives be stored on site?

A: Will check and post an answer on the web. (See Amendment No. 003.)

48. Q: How many trees have been identified and what is there location for bat habitat removal?

A: Trees have not yet been identified. It will depend on where the final alignment is set.

49. Q: What do you suggest to put into the bid for bat roost removal?

A: We will review and advise on the web. (See Amendment No. 003.)

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OTHER THAN PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE:

1. Q: There are references in Appendix G, Geotechnical Report (section 7, page 11) that indicate the pavement design should be "medium duty" MODOT requirements, however, the traffic data provided in Section 01015, paragraph 6.4.2 appears to meet MODOT "light duty" requirements.

A: The RFP requirements are medium duty.

2. Q: Section 00110, 2.b.5. Which Volume of the proposal should contain the price offer with SF 1442.

A: See Amendment No. 1.

3. Q: Section 01015, 6.4. Will proposal evaluation of pavement selection take into account increased life cycle costs for asphaltic concrete pavement.

A: Yes. See Amendment No. 003.

4. Q: Are roadway lighting supports required as stated in Bridge Memorandums in Appendix F.

A: No. See Amendment No. 003.

5. Q: Section 01015, 6.14.1. Is the entire Westgate Access Road to be illuminated or only it's intersection with Indiana and Pulaski Avenues (as shown on Plan Sheet 47).

A: See Amendment No. 003.

6. Q: Regarding shop drawing submittals. MoDOT does not require shop drawing submittals for rebar. Will rebar shop drawing submittals be required for this project.  
A: We will follow the MODOT specifications.
7. Q: Amendment 1, page 5 of 9, Paragraph 5. "Proposal Risk will evaluate the risks associated with an offeror's proposed approach for accomplishing the RFP requirements. Is the "approach" that is referred to the formation of the team in Factor 5.  
A: See above answer to question 19.
8. Q: Section 01015, 6.13, and 6.5.8. Can the design builder determine where the 13.5 acres of hardwood reforestation replace the short-leaf bare root seedlings.  
A: See Amendment No. 003.
9. Q: Section 01015. Do we need to seed both sides of the roadway, even though the expansion of the road to two lanes may demolish all of that landscaping.  
A: See Amendment No. 003.
10. Q: Appendix G, Section 8, page 3 refers to Table 2-Preliminary Bridge Foundation recommendations. Will the Government provide this table.  
A: Yes. See Amendment No. 002.
11. Q: Section 00110 - Joint Ventures (P. 5 of 16). I'm not sure what it means that the copy of the Joint Venture be "certified".  
A: A certified copy would be a copy, rather than the original, that is certified by an official of the Joint Venture to be a duplicate of the original.
12. Q: Section 00600 - II Cost Accounting Standards - Eligibility for Modified Contract Coverage (p. 12 of 14). Based on our discussion last week regarding the fact that we were exempt from submitting a Disclosure Statement due to the "Certificate of Monetary Exemption", I concluded that we did not have to check this modified coverage item. My interpretation is that if one is subject to submitting a Disclosure Statement then one may be able to eligible for the "modified" coverage. Please let me know if I am off base on this.  
A: You are correct.
13. Q: Section 00600 - I Disclosure Statement - Cost Accounting Practices and Certification (c) (3) (p. 12 of 14). Where do we indicate, by a checkmark, statement, etc, that we are eligible for this item "Certificate of Monetary Exemption"?  
A: There should be a block to check in front of paragraph 3. Just put a check mark in the margin or in front of "3."
14. Q: Section 00700 - Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data (p. 4 of 23). Clause 52.215-21 Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data. (b) (1). Are we supposed to request an exemption from the requirements for cost of pricing data? If so, what is the proper procedure and when should it be requested, i.e. by June 20?

A: We are not requiring cost and pricing data at this time and we may not. However, if we get cost and pricing data and subsequently negotiate the contract, we will at that time request a certificate. You don't need it with your proposal.

15. Q: Section 00700 - Certificate of Current Cost or Pricing Data (p. 4 of 23). Clause 52.215-21 Requirements for Cost or Pricing Data. (b) (1). If we are not granted an exemption it is my interpretation that we would not have to submit Cost or Pricing Data until we were negotiating the contract as long as it was submitted before the contract was awarded. Again, I need to know if I understand this requirement correctly.

A: You are right.

16. Q: What are some items that are typically overlooked by respondents?

A: Be sure to sign all required documents; pay attention to page limit requirements; be sure to mark Field Office Overhead choice.